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FRIENDLY HILLS SCHOOL

"Where Learning Lives"

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE:
A SEASON FOR GIVING

During this holiday season as we rush to complete all of our many tasks, it is easy to get lost. This is true for our children as well. How can we keep our kids focused on what is important, and not what Madison Avenue says is important.

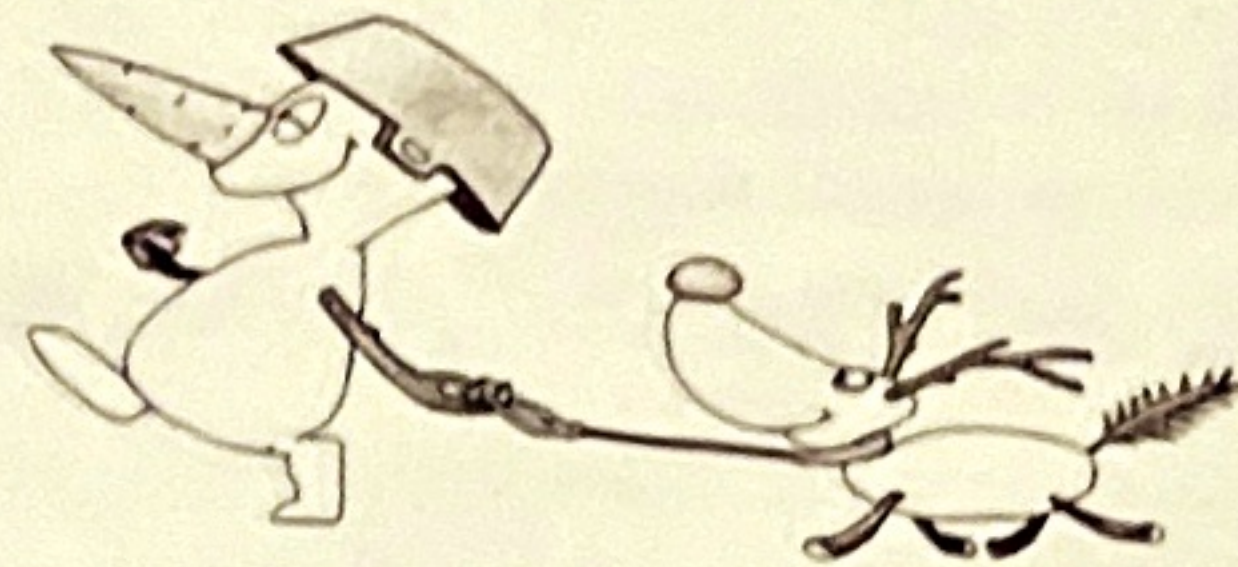
For our part, Friendly Hills is offering many opportunities to our students to keep a positive focus during the holidays.

Our parent group just completed their annual Thanksgiving baskets, with 10 of our families receiving baskets as well as a generous donation to Unity Home.

On December 5, we will have our family reading night. Your family will have an opportunity to donate a book to his or her teacher for their classroom.

On December 13th, we

will have our annual Paddington Parade. This is a joyous celebration where kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal to school to join in a festive march around the grounds, ending with a visit from Santa and friends. The purpose of this march is actually a toy drive. Students are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Unity Home.



Thank you in advance for helping us keep the focus where it belongs this holiday season. From all of us at Friendly Hills, let me extend warm wishes to you and your family.

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Dates of interest:

- 12/2 Candy Sale ends
- 12/5 Winter Book Fair begins
- 12/5 FAMILY READING NIGHT 6:30-8:00 pm
- 12/7 Craft / Book Fair
- 12/11 Pioneer Living Experience
- 12/12 Site Based Management
- 12/13 Paddington Toy Parade
- 12/21-1/5 WINTER BREAK (CLASSES RESUME ON Mon., 1/6)



Friendly Hills Cross Country -

Running under bright blue skies with a light wind, 65 seventh and eighth graders from throughout the Morongo Basin participated in the first annual Friendly Hills Desert Run Invitational on November 14. The 2-mile course led students around Friendly Hills School, through the desert below, including a difficult run up a sandy wash and back to the school for their finish. Teams from 29 Palms Junior High, La Contenta Middle School, Friendly Hills, Yucca Mesa and Future Plus were all represented.

Students in our younger grades, many of whom participate in our 100-mile club, were able to watch part of this healthy, age appropriate competition. This event also gave us the opportunity to talk with the athletes and younger observers about the benefits of running and future opportunities for students in this area.

The Friendly Hills team was well represented with the following students:

8th grade girls

Gabby Arnett
Cassie Hempe
Sarah Presley
Jessica Velasquez *

7th grade girls

Gabba Evaro
Candace Goebel
Shanel Phillippe
Dakota Westlake

8th grade boys

Ian Blanding *
Ben Bogner
Daniel Burkett
Fletcher Davis
Shane Dittmer
Eric Hanson
Duncan Nicholson
J. D. Rideout

7th grade boys

Andrew Farison
Peter Nagy *

* Designates runners who placed as a medal winner in 1 of 5 place finishes.

Friendly Hills Junior High took 2nd place, overall, in this competition. What a great run by all of our athletes!

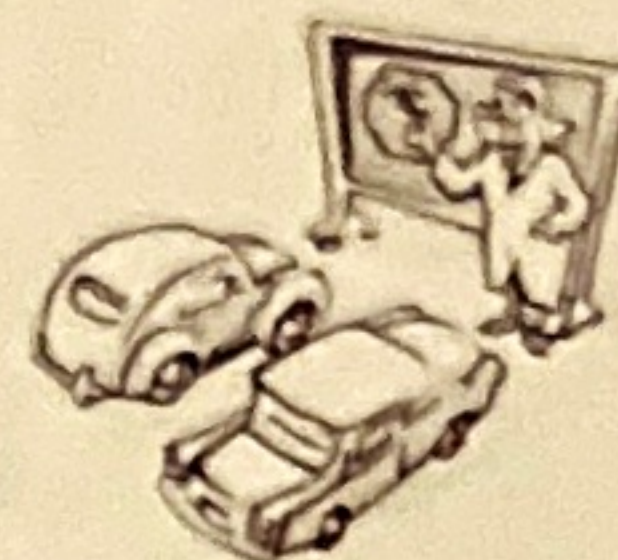
PARKING LOT CAUTION-

Our children, your children, every one's children are precious and important to us. Please, please be cautious while entering and leaving the school parking lot.

If you drop your child off in the morning, please pull forward, drop off your child and continue through the lot. If you would like to watch them as they enter the grounds, please park your car in a space so that others may continue to pull forward.

Please keep driving speeds to a minimum and all your senses on alert. The child we all protect may be one of yours!

THANK YOU!



Be sure to check the "Lost and Found" for missing sweaters, jackets and lunch pails.

*Merry Christmas
And a Happy
New Year!*

Please call in all
absences when
your child will
not be at school.

Don't forget to check the attached calendar for important dates. The last day of school before Winter Break is Friday, December 20. School starts again on Monday, January 6. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

As you read this newsletter, our parent group's most successful fundraiser of the year will have finished. Please remember that your See's candy money and/or any unsold candy was due by December 2. When all monies are turned in, we anticipate a profit of over \$5000! Many thanks to all the families who participated in this worthwhile cause to help insure every class at least one fieldtrip this year.

As the holidays approach, don't forget a special Saturday coming up the 7th of December. Our annual Craft and Book Fair will be in full swing from 9 am - 2 pm. You'll be able to shop the fair, dine at the Sixth Grade snack bar, take pictures with Santa and have a wonderfully memorable day. Don't forget that books make terrific gifts all year long.

News from the Library...

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...one can never have too many! The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in our library from Dec. 5-13. We look forward to this big event!

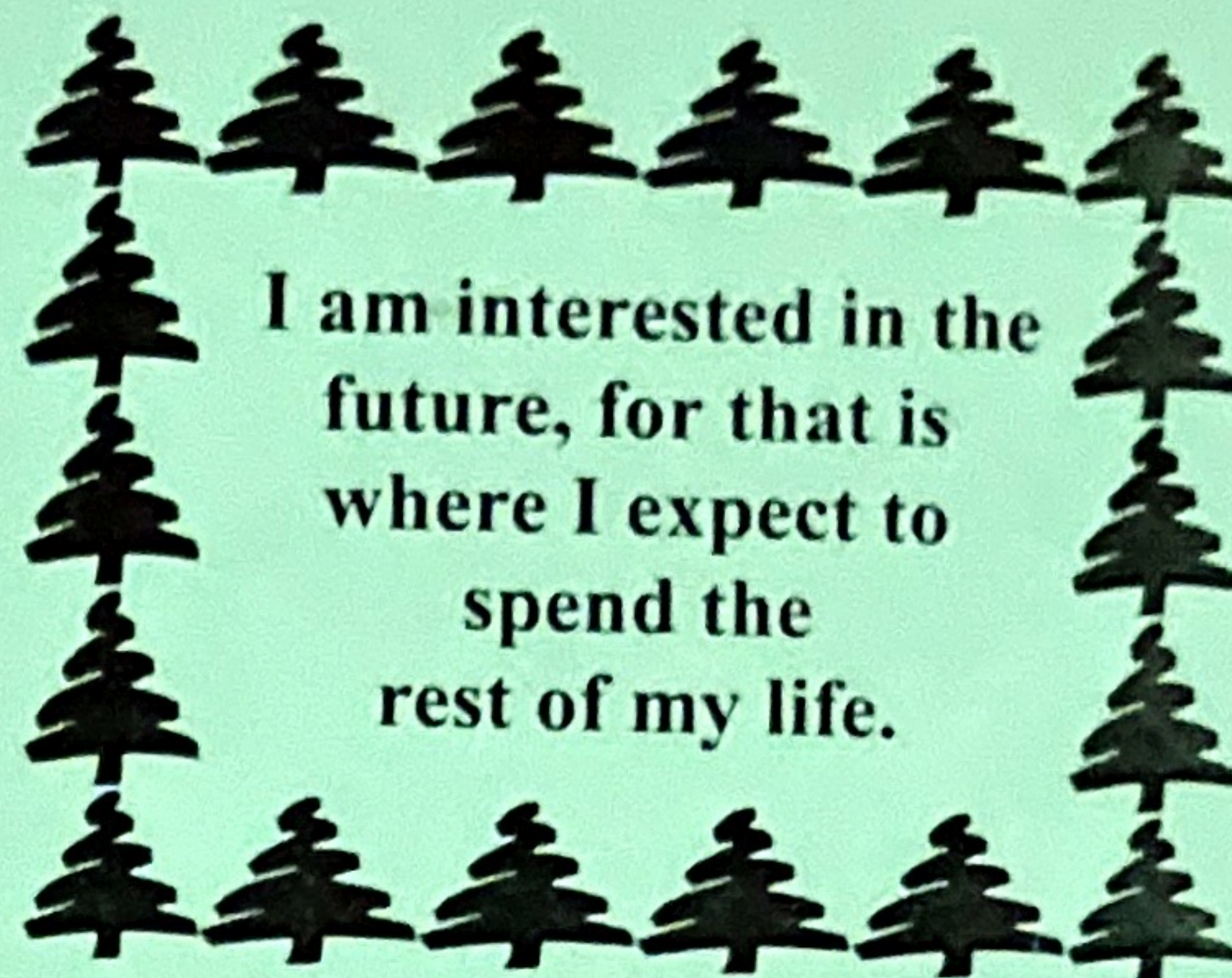
Mrs. Strader's, Mrs. Dempsey's, Mrs. Friedman's and Mrs. Ladner's classes have just finished our second California Young Reader Nominee of the Year, Miss Agnes. We enjoyed getting to know Miss Agnes and all the children in her class. We learned so much about living in Alaska in 1948.

Our next novel is Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson. As caretakers of the island, the aunts, Etta, Coral and Myrtle tend to an amazing assortment of creatures. Not just seals, fish and gulls, but mermaids, selkies, a couple of ghosts, a very long worm, and a boobrie that lays eggs so large, just one will make seventy two omelets! This is all I will tell. This book is a delight!

Until next month,
Paddington and Mrs. K.

Paddington's Pals for this month:

Isaiah Thomas (M/M Hesse's 1st grade)
Robert Krupp (Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd grade)
Savanna King (Mrs. Tilson's 3rd grade)
Ashley Aarup (Mrs. Dempsey's 4th grade)
Cody Bryant (Mrs. Reed's 5th grade)
Aleah Thallas (Mrs. Strader's 6th grade)



I am interested in the
future, for that is
where I expect to
spend the
rest of my life.

The next meeting of this outstanding group
will be Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

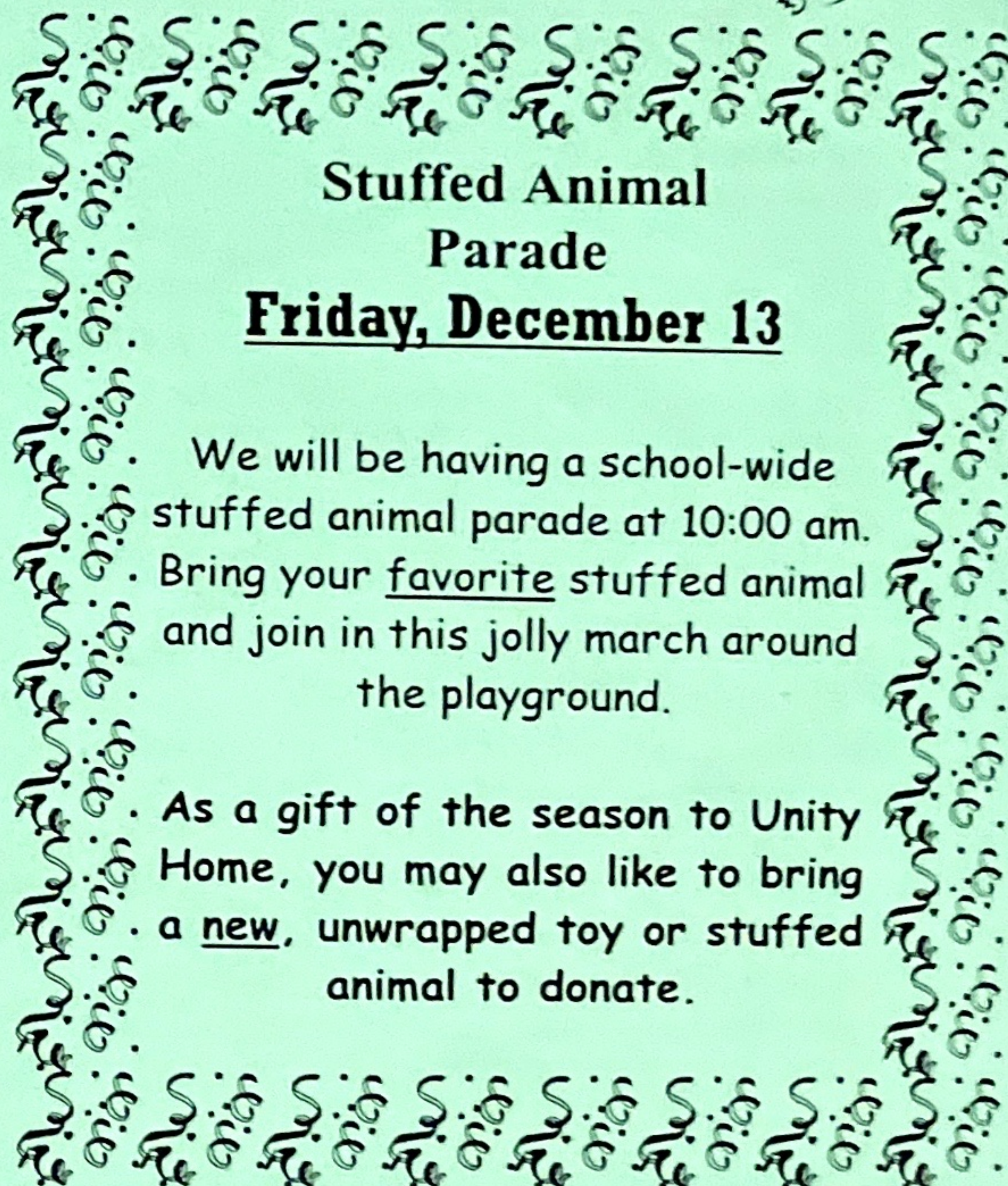


Stuffed Animal Parade

Friday, December 13

We will be having a school-wide stuffed animal parade at 10:00 am. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join in this jolly march around the playground.

As a gift of the season to Unity Home, you may also like to bring a new, unwrapped toy or stuffed animal to donate.



Terrific Third Grade Writing from Mrs. Mann's third grade class -



I am thankful for...

Being alive. I am thankful for a sister. I am thankful for having a mom. I am thankful for having a home. I am thankful for having a brain. I am thankful for a family.

Marc Salomon



I am thankful for...

my parents that take care of me. I'm thankful for being taught in school. I'm thankful for being alive. We celebrate on Thanksgiving and I'm thankful for the house I live in.

Erik Peters

I am thankful for... my very special house that I live in and all the holidays I celebrate in my house. I am also thankful for the food I get to eat and the bed I sleep in. I am most thankful for God!

Amanda Ambrosius

I am thankful for... my house and my family. I'm thankful for being alive and I'm thankful for the government.

Brandon McEachern

I'm thankful for... having a home, parents, my friends and family, for food and water and for God.

Jeffrey Richards

I am thankful for...

my brother and my sister. I'm thankful for my friends. I'm thankful for my name and my last name. I'm thankful for my family.

Kayla Roland

I am thankful for...

being alive, having a family, having food and water, for archeologists being able to see, being able to have a heart and I am especially thankful for the world.

Chase Clevenger

I am thankful for...

the house I live in and my parents that take care of me. I am thankful for the country I live in and the citizens.

Natasha McPherson

What I am thankful for...

God because we wouldn't be here without Him. I am thankful for my house and my mom and my dad because they help a real lot.

Logan Goebel

I am thankful for...

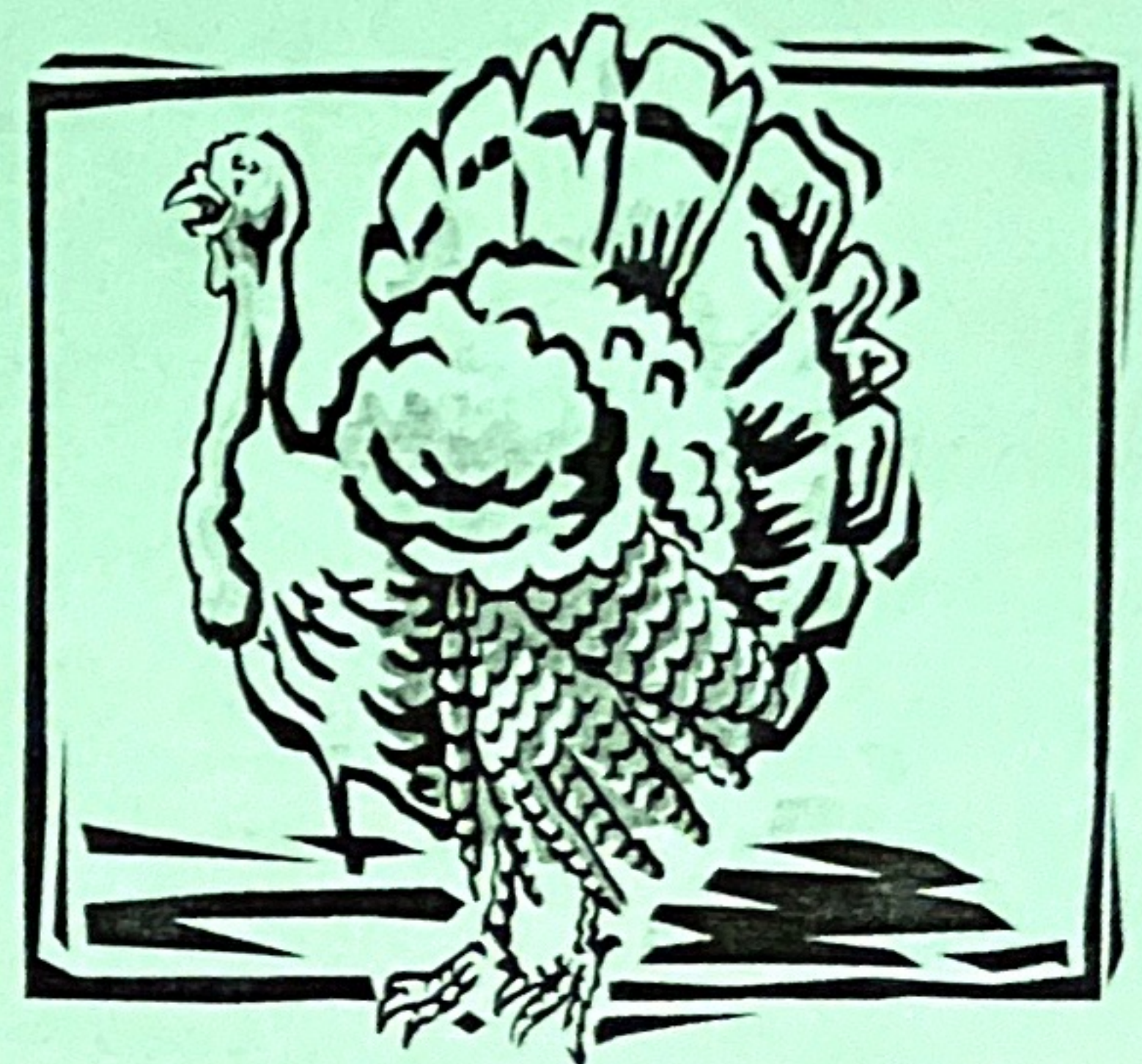
the food that is put in front of me. I am also thankful for my wonderful parents. I love my relatives. I also love my pets. I am thankful for my cool friends. I am also thankful for my neighbors.

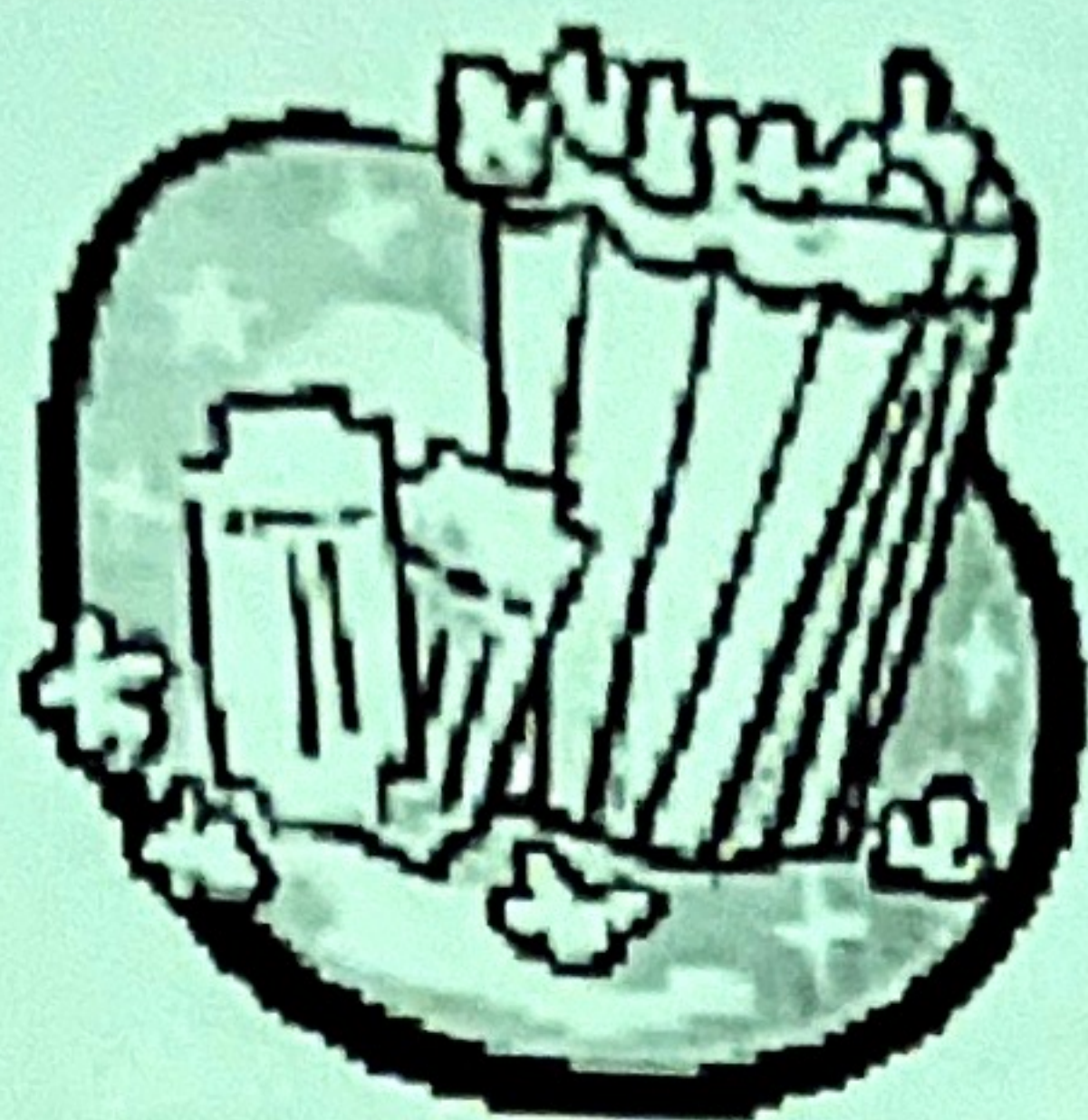
Lauren Schmelling

I am thankful for...

my family and what my mom and dad do for the food on the table. I am thankful for the government of our country and for the people who fight for freedom. I am also thankful for my friends.

Tiffini Cotney





Popcorn by Jesse Johnson (Ms. William's Class)

Popcorn looks good. Popcorn tastes really, really good. Popcorn is fun because you throw it in the air and try to catch it in your mouth.

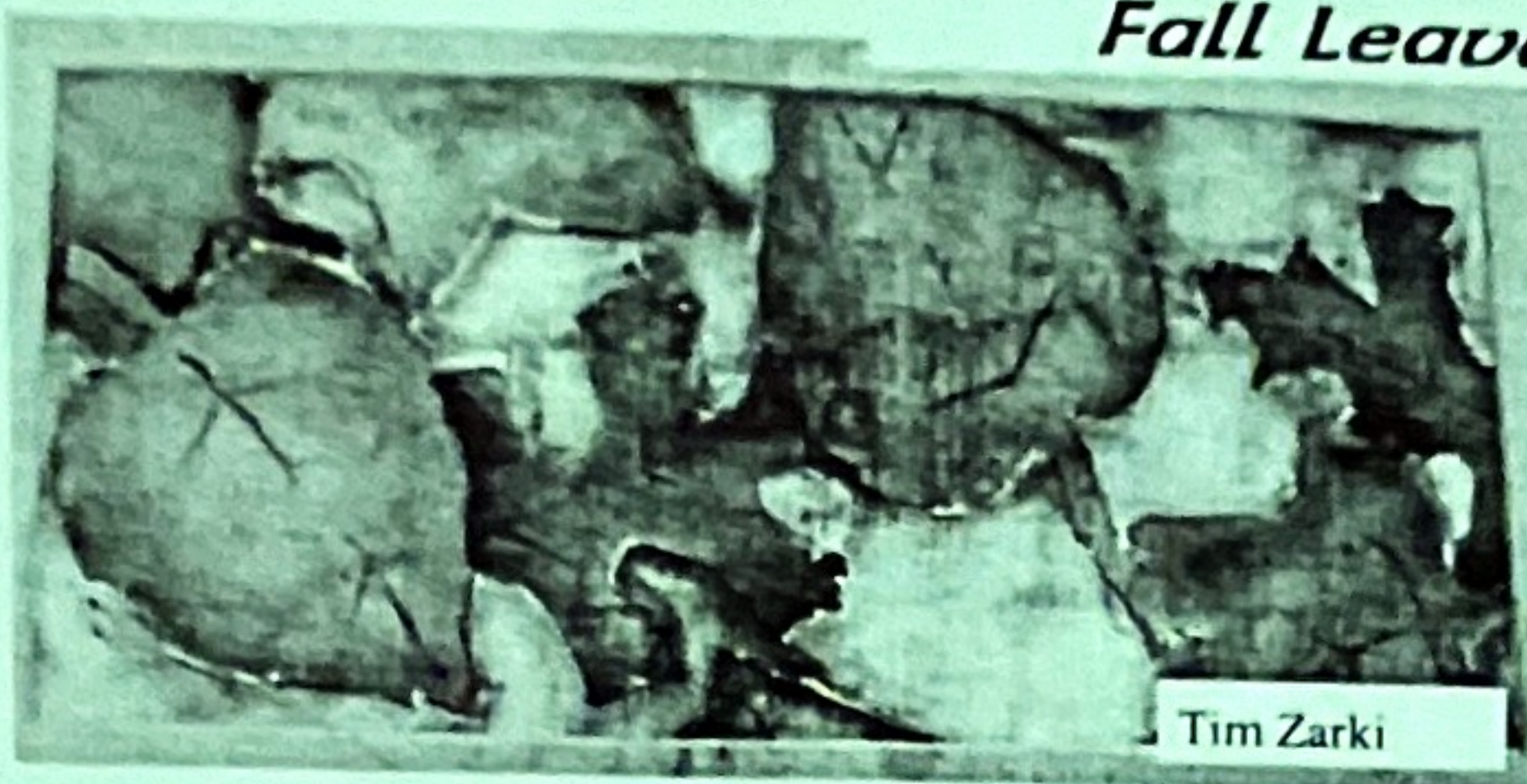
I like popcorn because it smells and tastes like butter. Butter popcorn is the best kind I like. Sometimes popcorn can be really hot. When you make popcorn, it sounds like "pop".

Popcorn seeds are kernels from the popcorn bag. Popcorn is made from seeds. The last time I had popcorn was when I was in the class. The best popcorn I ever had was buttered popcorn.

I liked popcorn since I was a little kid, but I never actually tasted it. I still do like popcorn.

Watercolor Works of Art...Mrs. Reed, fifth grade teacher and 8th grade art teacher

Fall Leaves (Fifth Grade)

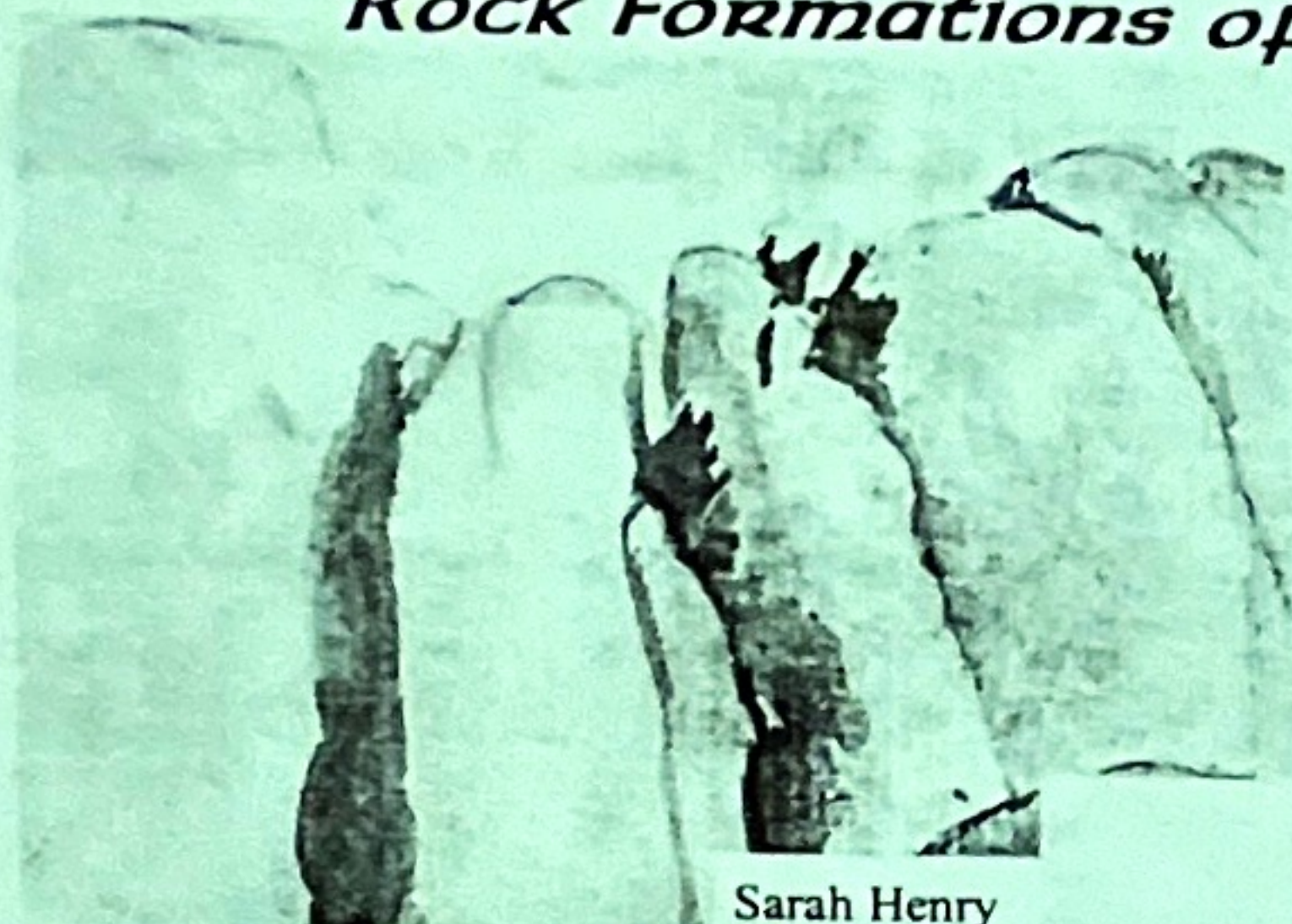


Tim Zarki

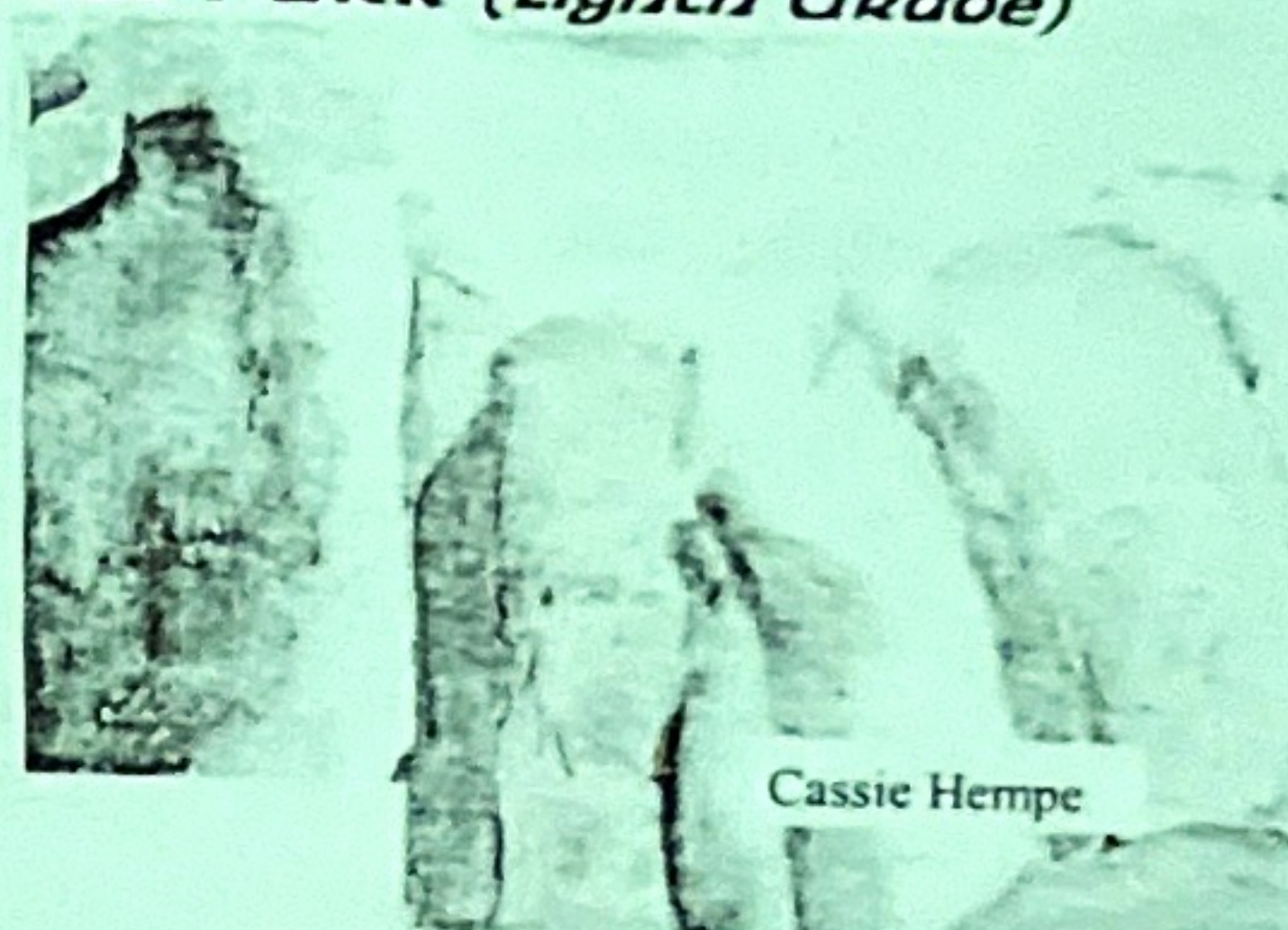


Nick Aguilar

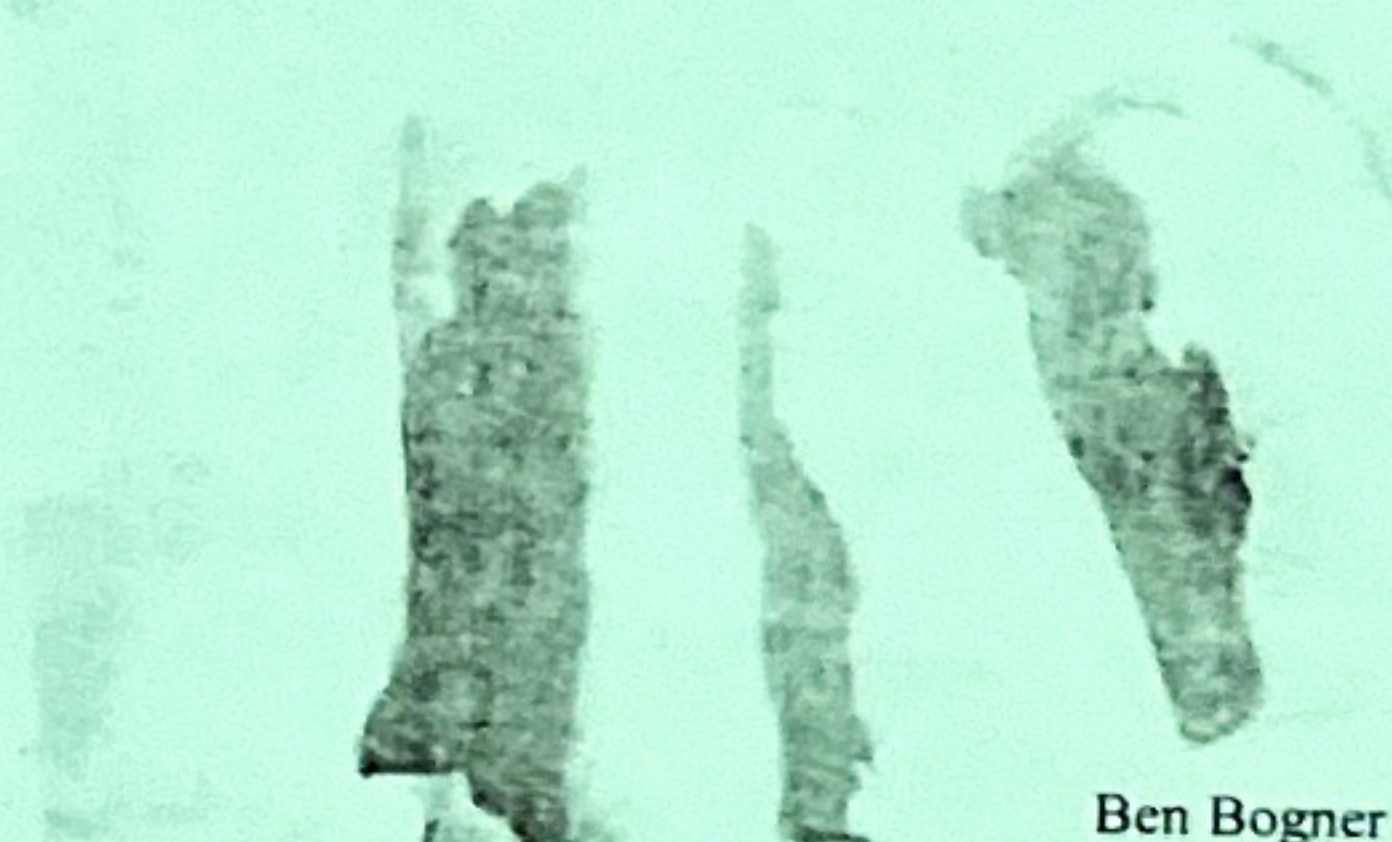
Rock Formations of the JT National Park (Eighth Grade)



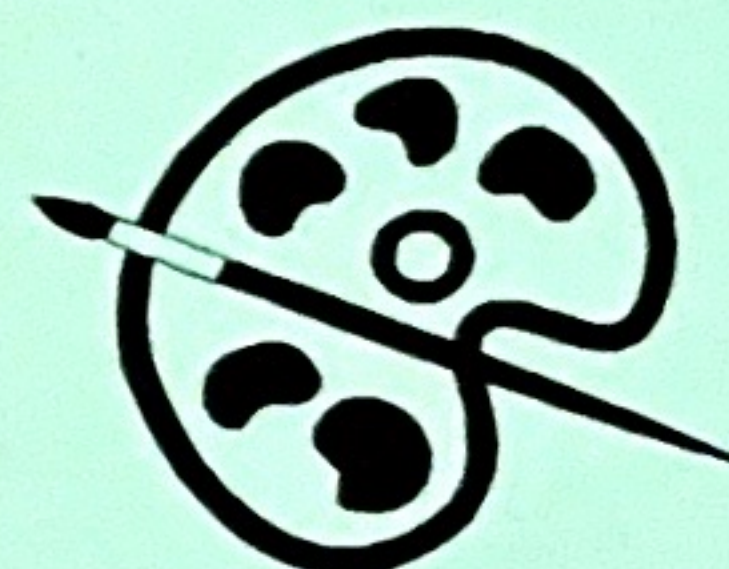
Sarah Henry



Cassie Hempe



Ben Bogner



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Look for our school web page at
the following web site:
[www.morongo.k12.ca.us/
morfhe/index.html](http://www.morongo.k12.ca.us/morfhe/index.html)

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This

*Life affords no
greater
responsibility, no
greater privilege,
than the raising of
the next
generation.*

committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff. Each year our members give generously of their own time to meet and plan for our stu-

dents needs. I would like to take this time to thank each member who has served on this

committee over the past year for their hard work and dedication.

Our parent representatives are or have been:

Amy Fauls, Chris Frasher, Sue Hanson Jolie Kelley and Maria Sanchez.

Our Classified Representative is:

Susan Henry

Our Certificated or Teacher Reps are:

Darleen Feltges, Lynn Friedman, Mimi Mitz and Keith Reed

Thank you all for your efforts.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 12 at 3:45 pm.

perfect Attendance

1st Quarter

Mrs. Bernardini (2)

James Robertson

Mr. Bogner (6)

Brittany Bostic

Wayne Bryant

Lauryn Compton

Brandon Durnal

Sarah Reed

Kai-Lee Rhodes

Mrs. Candelaria (K)

Colby Compton

Joseph Hesse

Madeline Quinn

Spencer Spann

Mr. Chambless (K)

Jack Campos

Dylan Cosner

Mikayla Cressy

Courtney Evans

Jason Izer

Alexys Sanders

Mrs. Dempsey (4)

Cassandra Brohamer

Sarah Clark

Justice Izer

Tanner Yakutis

Mrs. Feltges

Vanessa Colegio

Michelle Ramos

Mrs. Friedman (4)

Brittney Candelaria

Frederick Compton

Amanda Gordon

Brittany Hocker

Sarah Mummey

Domenic Pasqualicchio

Michael Sanchez

Mr./Mrs. Hesse (1)

Timothy Hesse

Samuel O'Melia

Amanda Reilly

Miss Hodges (3)

Chelsea Gordon

Mrs. Ladner (5)

Chris Halstead

Karissa Lowry

Lauren Myers

Jacqueline Palmer

Amber Petersen

LeAnna Reyes

Marissa Salomon

Mrs. Mann (3)

Chase Clevenger

Logan Goebel

Natasha McPherson

Victor Molina

Mrs. Mikschl (7)

Kourtney Chinen

Nicholas Colegio

Tania Seitz

Dakota Westlake

Cameron Wilson

Mrs. Mitz (1)

Sage Bernardini-Smith

Tiffany McCollum

Jasmine Moore

Courtney Yakutis

Mrs. Reed (5)

Alisha Colegio

Cody Gunn

Sean Martel

Renee Robertson

Ryan Rogers

Michelle Tuthill

Mrs. Seacat (K)

Adriana Arizmendis

Joseph Colegio

Caitlin Morris

Isaac Parker

Rhyann Prekop

Mrs. Strader (6)

Ashley Candelaria

Yvette Castaneda

Kayla Gunn

Nathan Palmer

Mr. Reed (8)

Daniel Burkett

Eric Hanson

Joshua Morcilio

Caitlyn Pasqualicchio

Ian Rader

Jesicah Velasquez

Ms. Subriar (2)

Anthony Colegio

Amber Cosner

Corey Petersen

Mrs. Tilson (3)

Ryan Fauls

Andrew Hesse

Erik McClay

Ms. Williams

Christopher Gardner

Mrs. Winchell (2)

Christian Barnett

Caleb Norman

Honor Roll

1st Quarter

Mr. Bogner (Gr. 6)

Scott Bogner
Brittany Bostic
Lauryn Compton
Ryan Fleischman
Marialena Martinez
Tiffini Phillips
Sarah Reed
Adam Wysocki

Mrs. Dempsey (Gr. 4)

David Brake, Jr.
Cassie Brohamer
Crystal Capwell
Sarah Clark
Lexie McNamee
Emily Paul

Mrs. Friedman (Gr. 4)

Ryan Bishop
Grace Bogner
Jenna Fisher
Amanda Gordon
Brent Heller
Michael Hernandez
Brittany Hocker
Sarah Mummey
Michael Sanchez

Mrs. Ladner (Gr. 5)

Christy Bigornia
Lloyd Clark
Kaitlyn Miller
Lauren Myers
LeAnna Reyes
Marissa Salomon
Breanna Schoenfeldt
Brayon White

Mrs. Reed (Gr. 5)

Nick Aguilar
Shelby Blair
Suzanne Chambless
Lucas Cushman
Justin Howell
Michael Korcha
Sean Martel
Renee Robertson
Cody Rosselli
Sierra Smith
Monica Tree
Michelle Tuthill
Tim Zarki

Mrs. Strader (Gr. 6)

Devin Coburn
Ashley Malone
Nathaniel McPherson
Santeal Nazario-Gaffney
Cheyenne Westlake



November Awards

| Teacher's Name | Student of the Month | Citizenship Award | Outstanding Effort | Writing Award |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs. Bernardini | Jaclyn Cuyno | Joe Robertson | Jordan Fisher | Sarah Fleischman |
| Mr. Bogner | Ashley Thallas | Lauryn Compton | Brandon Durnal | Mauricio Montejano |
| Mrs. Candelaria | Aubrey Wolfe | Mikayla Aguilar | Aaron Vineyard | Madeline Quinn |
| Mr. Chambless | Jason Izer | Christopher Sniffin | Samantha Lane | Mikayla Cressy |
| Mrs. Dempsey | Crystal Capwell | Gabby Castor-Ekwall | Ashley Aarup | Taylin Nelson |
| Mrs. Feltges | Kayla Roland | Tina Phipps | Robert Vineyard | Dehvan Brown |
| Mrs. Friedman | Ryan Bishop | Krista Chinen | Michon Gapko | Sarah Mummey |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hesse | Ashley Reilly | Robert Vineyard | Matthew Brown | Aya Patyk |
| Ms. Hodges | Isabel Ramos | Bo Bonem | Jeremy Dauphinais | James Reed |
| Mrs. Ladner | Kaitlyn Miller | Nicholas Lish | Amanda Peper | Lauren Myers |
| Mrs. Mann | Logan Goebel | Tiffani Cotney | Andrew Rounds | Lauren Schmelling |
| Mrs. Mitz | Sydney Boling | Sage Smith | Terren Zanella | Tiffany McCollum |
| Mrs. Reed | Priscilla Richards | Mason Litvinoff | Kristen DeWitt | Suzanne Chambless |
| Mrs. Seacat | Bryan Davis | Evelyn Moore | Travis Brenneman | Rebecca Line |
| Mrs. Strader | Ashley Malone | Tyler Jones | Kayla Gunn | Eric Palmer |
| Ms. Subriar | Matt Rucker | Robert Perrance | Nicholas VanZandt | Corey Peterson |
| Mrs. Tilson | Savanna King | Erik McClay | Michael Klear | Matthew Boling |
| Ms. Williams | Gabe Robertson | Gabe Robertson | John-David Farr | Adrian Garcia |
| Mrs. Winchell | Ohkwari Tatu | Hope Brown | Jordan Churtier | Morgan Walsh |

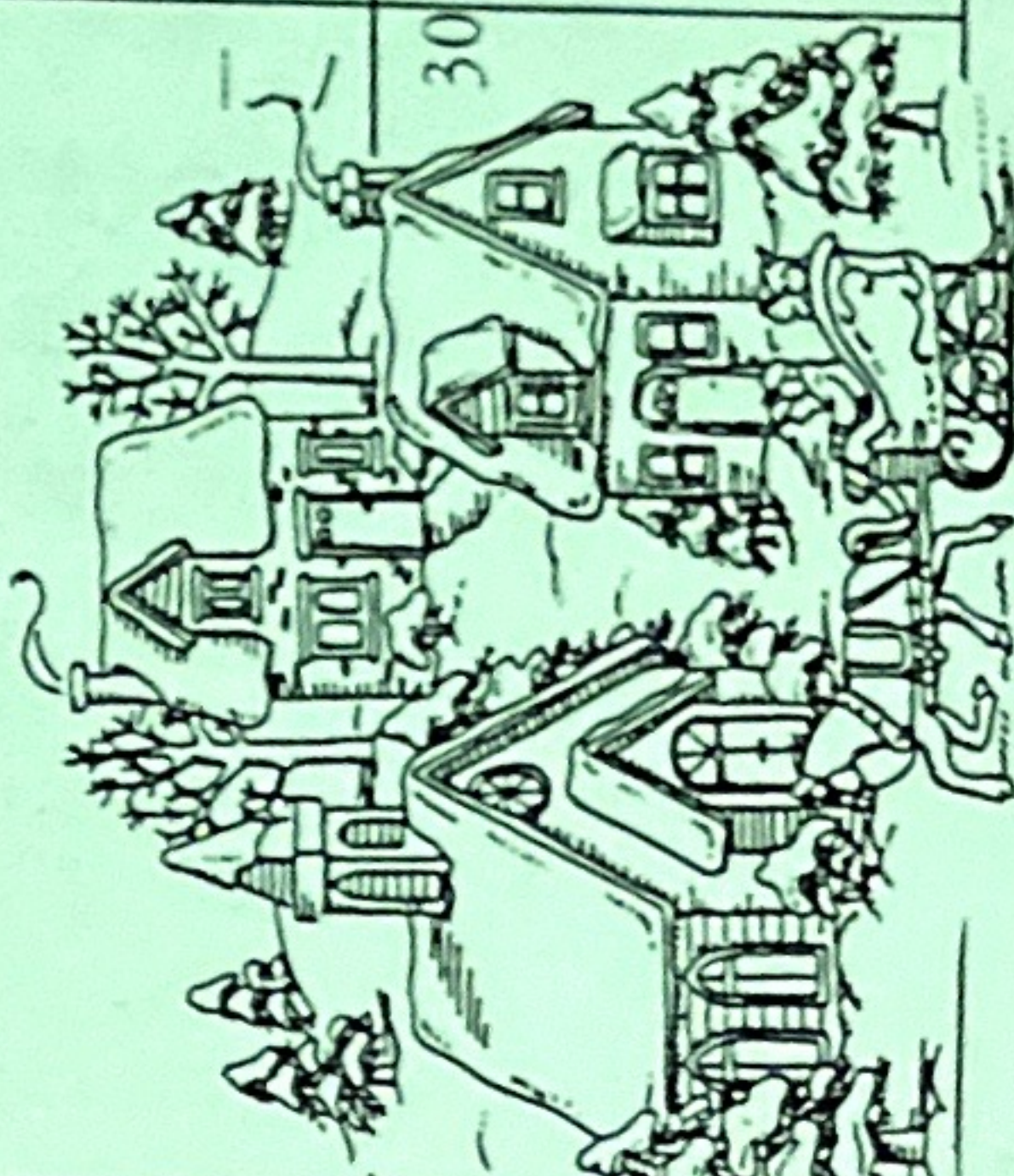
HOLIDAYS

Friendly Hills School December, 2002

Friendly Hills School



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|-----|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | 2 FHEA See's Candy Sale Ends Administrative Council for Kevin @ YMES 8-noon | 3 1st Grade Trip to Children's Discovery Museum 9:45-3:00 BOE @ 7 pm | 4 FHEA Winter Book Fair Begins Family Reading Night 7-8 pm | 5 FHEA Winter Book Fair Ends Family Reading Night 7-8 pm | 6 ANNUAL WINTER CRAFT FAIR 10am - 2pm |
| 8 | 9 Administrative Council for Kevin @ PVES 8-noon | 10 Ingress Drill @ 12:35 FHEA (parent group) @ 6:30 pm | 11 PIONEER LIVING EXPERIENCE (Assembly Times to be Announced) | 12 FHEA Winter Book Fair Ends Site Based Management Council (Library) 3:45-5:30 pm | 13 PADDINGTON "Toy Collector" PARADE @ 10 am |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Staff Meeting (Lib) @ 3:45 BOE @ 7 pm | 18 | 19 | 20 21 28 |
| 22 | 23 WINTER BREAK | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE WINTER BREAK | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY WINTER BREAK | 26 WINTER BREAK | 27 28 |
| 29 | 30 NEW YEAR'S EVE WINTER BREAK | 31 HAPPY (NEW) YEAR! | | | |



Classes Resume
on Monday,
Jan. 6, 2003

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Friendly Hills

Family Reading Night

(All children must be accompanied by an adult. Enjoy this event together!)

Thurs., Dec. 5

6:30-8:00



Hear Our Favorite Stories

- 6:30 Cocoa, Cookies & Book Fair
- 7:00 1st Story
- 7:30 2nd Story

Some of our guest readers include Mrs. K., Mr. Blanding,
Mrs. Arrowood and several of our teachers

Free McDonald's treats are in the cards

If your report card is something to smile about,
it could be worth free food at McDonald's.®
If the grades are all A's or O's, you will receive
a free Happy Meal!

If the grades are all A's and B's or O's and S's
you will receive a free Cheeseburger!
Kindergartners will receive a free soft serve
cone just for bringing in their report card!

Children must be present with their report card.

Children grades K-6 are eligible.

Offer good through June 30, 2003.

*Not valid with any other offer.

We love to see you smile



Yucca Valley Desert Hot Springs
Thousand Palms Cabazon
Twentynine Palms Rancho Mirage

